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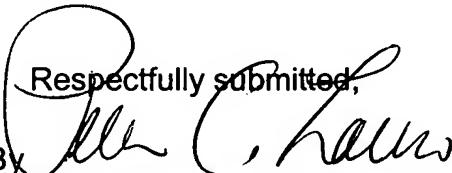
This application is a U.S. national phase application, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371, of PCT international application Ser. No. PCT/US05/04955 filed February 16, 2005, designating the United States and published in English on September 1, 2005 as publication WO 2005/079427 A2, which claims priority to U.S. provisional application Ser. No. 60/545,590, filed February 17, 2004. Page 1 of the specification has been amended to reflect this information.

Claims 30, 31 and 36 have been amended and claims 17, 18, 35, 37-51 and 54-56 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-16, 19-34, 36, 52 and 53 will be pending in the application upon entry of the amendments presented herein.

Cancellation and amendment of the claims were done solely to reduce the extra claim fees. No new matter has been added. Applicants hereby reserve to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or one or more subsequent patent applications.

Applicant respectfully requests early examination on the merits and allowance of the application with all claims presented herein. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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